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In re Application of: Robert W. Crowder, Jr., *et al.* Examiner: O'Neill, Michael
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Docket No. 10407-969 Confirmation No. 4125
Title: CASHLESS GAMING APPARATUS,
SYSTEM, AND METHOD OF USE Customer No. 30076

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for reconsideration and response to the Final Office Action of April 1, 2005, and is timely filed with an one-month extension of time.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Request for Consideration and response to Final Office Action is submitted in view of a telephonic interview conducted with the Examiner on June 29, 2005. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit that the response puts the pending claims in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-30 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 31-39 are now pending. Claims 31, and 34-37 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lucero (U.S. Patent No. 5,038,022) in view of Capers (U.S. Patent No. 4,669,596) and further in view of Perrie et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,173,955). Claims 32, 33, and 38-39 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lucero in view of Capers, and further in view of Perrie, and further in view of Crevelt (U.S. Patent No. 5,092,983). Claim 34 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lucero, in view of Capers, and further in view of Perrie, and in further in view of Nutting et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,093,232).

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